

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) Wiper lever (10) with a driven wiper arm (12) and a wiper blade (14) linked to it for cleaning the windows, which is provided with a band-like, elongated, elastic supporting element (22) that is curved in the longitudinal direction over its band surfaces (26, 28), which features a rubber elastic wiper strip (30) that can be applied to the window on its concave curved band surface (26), on whose convex curved band surface (28) a coupling element (20) sits to connect the wiper blade to a coupling piece (18) of the wiper arm and the articulated connection is covered by a cap (100) that is held on the wiper blade, characterized in that this articulated connection includes means to secure the connection between the wiper arm (12) and the wiper blade (14) that can be actuated with at least one handle (80) and that the cap (100) accommodates the handle (80), characterized in that an adapter (40), which can be connected to the coupling piece (18) of the wiper arm and is a part of the articulated connection, is linked to the coupling element (20) of the wiper blade, on which adapter the handle (80) for the securing means is arranged and that the embodiment of the cap (100) permits the actuation of the securing means, characterized in that the cap (100) is embodied to be trough-like with its trough edge (102) facing the supporting element (22), that the cap is provided with a penetration opening (104) for the wiper arm and that the adapter (40) is equipped with the handle (80) projecting towards the longitudinal trough wall (106) of the cap, characterized in that the trough wall (106) of the cap (100) that is adjacent to the handle (80) is provided with a recess (112) allocated to this handle, and characterized in that the handle (80) projects into this recess (112).

7. (Previously Presented) Wiper lever (10) with a driven wiper arm (12) and a wiper blade (14) linked to it for cleaning the windows, which is provided with a band-like, elongated, elastic supporting element (22) that is curved in the longitudinal direction over its band surfaces (26, 28), which features a rubber elastic wiper strip (30) that can be applied to the window on its concave curved band surface (26), on whose convex curved band surface (28) a coupling element (20) sits to connect the wiper blade to a coupling piece (18) of the wiper arm and the articulated connection is covered by a cap (100) that is held on the wiper blade, characterized in that this articulated connection includes means to secure the connection between the wiper arm (12) and the wiper blade (14) that can be actuated with at least one handle (80) and that the cap (100) accommodates the handle (80), characterized in that an adapter (40), which can be connected to the coupling piece (18) of the wiper arm and is a part of the articulated connection, is linked to the coupling element (20) of the wiper blade, on which adapter the handle (80) for the securing means is arranged and that the embodiment of the cap (100) permits the actuation of the securing means, characterized in that the cap (100) is embodied to be trough-like with its trough edge (102) facing the supporting element (22), that the cap is provided with a penetration opening (104) for the wiper arm and that the adapter (40) is equipped with the handle (80) projecting towards the longitudinal trough wall (106) of the cap, and characterized in that the trough wall (121) of the cap (120) that is adjacent to the handle is provided on its inner side with a groove-like indentation (122), which extends from a passage (123) to the trough edge (124) and that the handle (80) projects into this indentation (122).
8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) Wiper lever (10) with a driven wiper arm (12) and a wiper blade (14) linked to it for cleaning the windows, which is provided with a band-like, elongated, elastic supporting element (22) that is curved in the longitudinal direction over its band surfaces (26, 28), which features a rubber elastic wiper strip (30) that can be applied to the window on its concave curved band surface (26), on whose convex curved band surface (28) a coupling element (20) sits to connect the wiper blade to a coupling piece (18) of the wiper arm and the articulated connection is covered by a cap (100) that is held on the wiper blade, characterized in that this articulated connection includes means to secure the connection between the wiper arm (12) and the wiper blade (14) that can be actuated with at least one handle (80) and that the cap (100) accommodates the handle (80), characterized in that an adapter (40), which can be connected to the coupling piece (18) of the wiper arm and is a part of the articulated connection, is linked to the coupling element (20) of the wiper blade, on which adapter the handle (80) for the securing means is arranged and that the embodiment of the cap (100) permits the actuation of the securing means, characterized in that the cap (100) is embodied to be trough-like with its trough edge (102) facing the supporting element (22), that the cap is provided with a penetration opening (104) for the wiper arm and that the adapter (40) is equipped with the handle (80) projecting towards the longitudinal trough wall (106) of the cap, characterized in that the trough wall (131) of the cap (130) manufactured of an elastic plastic that is adjacent to the handle (80) features an elastically yielding area (133) that is allocated to the handle, and characterized in that the elastically yielding area (133) is formed by at least one slot-like break-through (134) in the ~~tough~~ trough wall (131) that partially encompasses this area.

10 - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) Wiper lever according to Claim 9, characterized in that the elastically yielding area (133) of the trough wall (131) is provided with a support (136) on its inner side that extends towards the handle (80).

17 - 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) Wiper blade for cleaning windows with a band-like, elongated, elastic supporting element (22) that is curved in the longitudinal direction over its band surfaces (26, 28), on whose concave curved band surface (26) a rubber elastic wiper strip (30) is situated and on whose convex curved band surface (28) a coupling element (20) is arranged to connect the wiper blade (14) to a driven wiper arm (12) in an articulated manner, wherein the coupling element (20) is provided with an adapter (40), which features means to secure the wiper blade on the wiper arm, which can be moved from a locked position into an unlocked position in an actuation direction, wherein the coupling element (20) and its adapter (40) are covered by a cap (100) featuring a passage (104) for the wiper arm (12), the cap (100) permitting the actuation of the securing means, wherein the securing means includes a first projection and a second projection formed on one of the adapter (40) and the wiper arm (12) and a first recess and a second recess formed on the other of the adapter (40) and the wiper arm (12), the first projection and the second projection being respectively engageable in the first recess and the second recess in the locking position to secure the wiper blade (14) to the wiper arm (12), the cap (100) permitting actuation of the securing means to from the locking position to the release position, in which the first projection and the second projection are disengaged from the first recess and the second recess to such that the wiper blade (14) can be unsecured from the wiper arm (12), wherein the securing means includes a first handle (80) operable to move the first projection and a second handle (80) operable to move the second projection, the first handle (80) and the second handle (80) extending generally parallel to the actuation direction, ~~Wiper lever according to Claim 20~~, wherein the cap (100) has a first cap wall and an opposed second cap wall, each cap wall defining a recess (112), the first handle (80) projecting into the recess (112) in the first cap wall, and the second handle (80) projecting into the recess (112) in the second cap wall such that the cap (100) permits actuation of the first handle (80) and the second handle (80).

22. (Currently Amended) Wiper blade for cleaning windows with a band-like, elongated, elastic supporting element (22) that is curved in the longitudinal direction over its band surfaces (26, 28), on whose concave curved band surface (26) a rubber elastic wiper strip (30) is situated and on whose convex curved band surface (28) a coupling element (20) is arranged to connect the wiper blade (14) to a driven wiper arm (12) in an articulated manner, wherein the coupling element (20) is provided with an adapter (40), which features means to secure the wiper blade on the wiper arm, which can be moved from a locked position into an unlocked position in an actuation direction, wherein the coupling element (20) and its adapter (40) are covered by a cap (100) featuring a passage (104) for the wiper arm (12), the cap (100) permitting the actuation of the securing means, wherein the securing means includes a first projection and a second projection formed on one of the adapter (40) and the wiper arm (12) and a first recess and a second recess formed on the other of the adapter (40) and the wiper arm (12), the first projection and the second projection being respectively engageable in the first recess and the second recess in the locking position to secure the wiper blade (14) to the wiper arm (12), the cap (100) permitting actuation of the securing means to from the locking position to the release position, in which the first projection and the second projection are disengaged from the first recess and the second recess to such that the wiper blade (14) can be unsecured from the wiper arm (12), wherein the securing means includes a first handle (80) operable to move the first projection and a second handle (80) operable to move the second projection, the first handle (80) and the second handle (80) extending generally parallel to the actuation direction, ~~Wiper lever according to Claim 20,~~ wherein the cap (100) has a first cap wall and an opposed second cap wall, each cap wall having an elastically yielding area (133) having a flexibility greater than an adjacent area of the cap wall, the first handle (80) being adjacent to the elastically yielding area (133) in the first cap wall, and the second handle (80) being adjacent to the elastically yielding area (133) in the second cap wall, each elastically yielding area (133) permitting actuation of an associated one of the first handle (80) and the second handle (80).